

UNHCR CASH ASSISTANCE



2019

UNHCR's vision is that the people it serves can meet their needs in **dignity**, are **protected** and can transition to **solutions** through the **expanded use of cash assistance**.

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Cash Facts
UNHCR 2016/2019



Grand Bargain
baseline USD 325 M

\$2.4 B

cash assistance
reaching people



More than

20 Million

people receiving
cash assistance



+100 countries

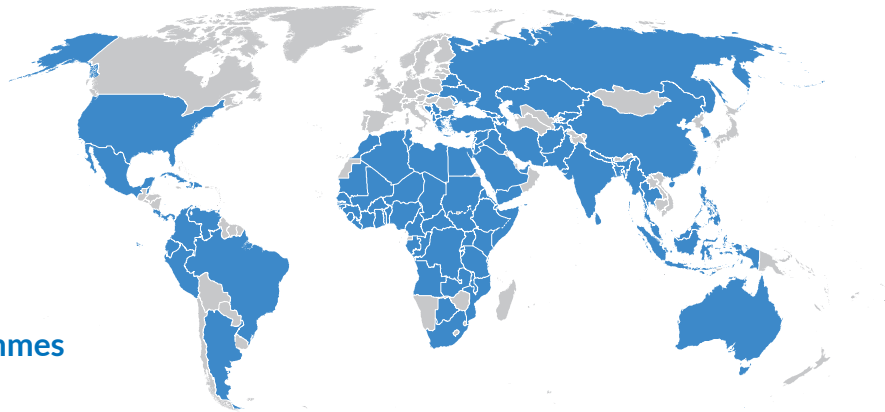
with UNHCR cash
programmes



For each \$

UNHCR delivered up to 93 cents
to people (source: joint PwC/UNHCR study)

UNHCR
Cash
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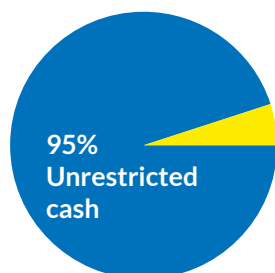


Cash creates important new opportunities for meeting **humanitarian needs** in ways that restore and enhance individual **choice** and increase **opportunities** for **refugee inclusion**.

10 LARGEST CASH OPERATIONS (2018)

1 Lebanon 2 Jordan 3 Greece 4 Yemen 5 Iraq 6 Turkey 7 Egypt 8 Syrian Arab Republic 9 Somalia 10 Afghanistan

Cash and Vouchers



5%
Vouchers

More cash than in-kind assistance



Along with in-kind support and services, **UNHCR uses cash to protect and assist people** in all phases of displacement to meet their basic and other needs.

Cash is the means and not the objective. Saving lives and protecting people comes first. The choice of using cash or in-kind to assist and protect people is context-specific.

POLICY ON CASH ASSISTANCE

UNHCR's vision for cash assistance is outlined in the **5-year Policy** on Cash-Based Interventions and the **UNHCR Strategy** for the Institutionalisation of Cash-Based Interventions.



UNHCR cash assistance

is based on solid institutional policies & procedures, innovative tools and increasing capacities.

By end 2020



Institution-building
to double the cash volumes by 2020



Roll-out of Cash Management Systems – CashAssist deployed to 10 additional countries in 2019



5,000 UNHCR and partner staff trained on cash by the end of 2019



+100 country experts on cash in place by the end of 2019

CASH AND PROTECTION

Cash, together with in-kind assistance and services, helped prevent displaced people from resorting to negative survival strategies, such as child labour. In 2019, UNHCR provided more than 30 % of its overall cash to meet specific protection outcomes.

- [Cash and Protection](#)
- [Cash for Education: Direction and Key Considerations](#)
- [Cash Assistance and Gender - Key Considerations and Learning](#)
- [Review of cash and SGBV in Lebanon, Morocco and Ecuador](#)

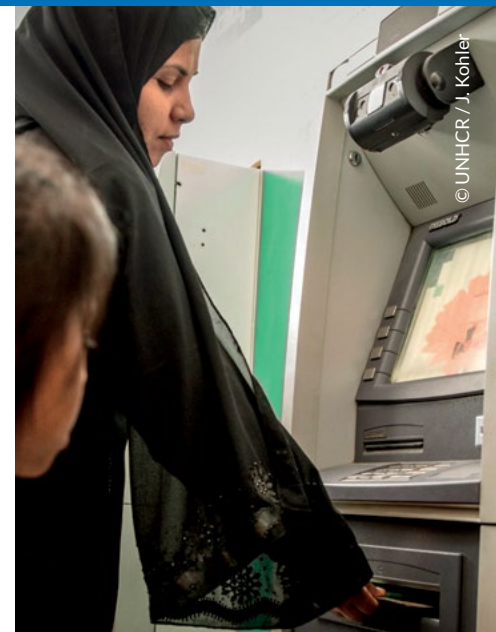


Tools, Guidance and Evidence: For the benefit of the humanitarian community

- [Multi-Purpose Cash and Sectoral Outcomes. A Review of Evidence and Learning](#)
- [Evaluation Synthesis of UNHCR's Cash-Based Interventions in Jordan](#)
- [Operational Guidance and Toolkit for Multipurpose Cash Grants](#)
- [Cash feasibility and response analysis toolkit](#)
- [Cash Delivery Mechanism Assessment Tool](#)
- [Market assessment companion guide and toolkit](#)
- [Basic Needs Approach in the refugee response](#)
- [UNHCR Mapping of Social Safety Nets for Refugees](#)
- [Cash for education: A global review of UNHCR programs](#)
- [Cash for Latrines](#)
- [The Greece Cash Alliance](#)
- [Cash Assistance in Bangladesh](#)
- [Cash for Shelter in Kenya](#)

INNOVATION AND PARTNERSHIP: UNHCR is implementing innovative and inclusive assistance with collective efficiencies.

In December 2018, the four principals of UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF and OCHA committed to deliver cash assistance through a common cash approach. The [statement](#) is in line with UNHCR's common cash delivery approach, which promotes collaborative approaches for cash transfer mechanisms that maximise efficiency and predictability, ensure effective coordination, leverage the expertise of all partners and maximise economies of scale. The [Common Cash Facility \(CCF\)](#) in Jordan now includes 28 partners and the approach is being expanded to other operations.



Separate bank fees before the CCF
2.5% - 5%



30 CCF partners' joint bank fees
1.0%



2020 DIRECTION

UNHCR will continue to focus on the expansion and quality of cash assistance to achieve protection outcomes, improve access to services and enable financial inclusion and social protection. Common cash systems with partners remain a key priority.



MORE INFORMATION

Please visit <http://www.unhcr.org/cash-based-interventions.html> for the latest versions of the policies, tools and guidance mentioned above or contact hqcash@unhcr.org